

Maricopa County Community Services Commission

Maricopa County Human Services Department

234 N. Central, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Monday, April 24, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present:

Chair Councilman Steven Frate, City of Glendale
Councilman Fred Hull, Town of Gila Bend
Councilwoman Kathie Farr, City of Tolleson
Walt Gray, St. Vincent de Paul
Robert Morehouse, Senior Citizens Council Maricopa County

Marty Sonnenberg, Salt River Project
Mary Beth Lawler, Valley of the Sun United Way
Amy Smith, Eastside Representative
Barbara Webster, Southwest Low-Income Rep.

Members Absent:

Louise Moskowitz, APS
Councilman Frank Scott, City of Avondale
Mary Coalson, Salvation Army
Terri Cruz, Chicanos por la Causa

Requested Excused Absence
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Councilman Hut Hutson, City of Tempe
Councilman Don Skousen, Town of Gilbert
Councilwoman Margarita Garcia, Town of Guadalupe
Sarah Bravo-Palma, Eastside Low-income Representative
Cindy Feuchster, Eastside Low-Income Representative
Becky Ontiveros, Westside Representative

Did not request excused absence
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Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:

Staff:

Margarita Leyvas, Community Services Division
Virginia Sturgill, Community Services Division
Frances Delgado, Community Services Division
Eileen Hartnett, Community Services Division

Presenter: Judge Paul & Kathleen Donaldson

Guests:

Racel Aleman, Chandler CAP
Mary Hutchinson, Tempe CAP
Joy McClain, Tolleson CAP

- 1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman, Councilman Steven Frate.
- 2. Roll Call** Virginia Sturgill called roll. Nine of nineteen seated members were present; a quorum was not established. The meeting continued.
- 3. Excused Absence(s)** The following members were absent and asked to be excused: Mary Coalson, Louise Moskowitz, Terri Cruz, and Councilman Frank Scott. The absences could not be excused due to a lack of a quorum. Item was tabled to next meeting.
- 4. Opening Prayer** Mary Beth Lawler led the prayer.
- 5. Pledge of Allegiance** Walt Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes were reviewed. Approval was tabled due to a lack of a quorum. Item was tabled to next meeting.
7. **Presentation Arizona Helping Hands, Inc.** Judge Paul & Kathleen Donaldson provided information on Arizona Helping Hands (AHH). They are a 501(C)(3) Non profit organization statewide, they have several programs and have a volunteer base of 250 plus. Their biggest program is the Holiday toy drive, for 5 years straight AZ Helping Hands has been the recipient of the toys collected by NBC Today Show Toy Drive. Organization can visit the website and request toys www.arizonahelpinghands.org
AHH has program that **Feed the Homeless**, they provide blankets, shirts. **Day for Disabled and Families** a day filled with games. **Mentoring Program for youth** that are in the court system charged with non-violent offenses. Kids in Title 1 schools are taken to **camp**, all supplies are provided. Free **English as a Learned Language** classes are provided to parents so they can help their children with school work and attend Parent-Teacher Conference. **Health Care – Glasses** are provided to children, through a partnerships. **Dental checkups** and **Hearing Aids** are provided. AHH has a **Scholarship** program to 1st generation High School graduates. **Feed the Kids** during summer programs. AHH is available for partnerships especially during the holiday season. Brochures were distributed to attendees.
8. **Assistant Director's Report** Marge reported:
- Introduction of new Operations Supervisor Eileen Hartnett
 - The ACA conference is May 10 to May 12. On Friday, May 12th there will be an immigration panel discussion.
 - Annette, Trish, Marge and Eileen will be visiting the Gila Bend CAP office.
 - Staff attended the SRP Annual Appreciation Luncheon, the theme was Hawaiian Luau, pictures of the event were circulated.
 - The Resource Assessment Committee and the By-Laws committees continue to meet.
 - The department held an Emergency Response meeting to prepare for the impact the heat may have on the homeless and the elderly. Discussion on partnering with STS drivers, SAIL Case Managers to do welfare checks, CAP offices for individuals to come in out of the heat. Distribution of bottled water, Public health to provide training on how to recognize signs of dehydration. The department will provide this information to Maricopa County administrative office.
 - Arizona Corporation Commission heard the APS weatherization increase case on April 4th. The increase was approved MCHSD will receive \$220,000 for FY07 the expenditure per house was increased up to \$6,000.
 - Lorenzo Aguirre was awarded the Distinguished Citizen's Award by the Sun City Elks Lodge No. 2559. Copy of news article was circulated.
 - There will be an increase in the LIHEAP allocation, but the funds do not contain administrative dollars. DES will meet with the CAAs to discuss the increase and the possibility of renegotiating the percentage of Administrative dollars that DES retains.
 - CAP Facts from NCAF were distributed. NCAF states there is still work to be done to save or maintain funding.
 - Margie Frost passed away. Margie was the Director of the East Valley

Men's Center in Mesa. Margie had been an advocate for low-income families and the homeless. A tribute to Margie will be conducted at the ACAA conference.

9. Board Remarks

- Councilwoman Farr introduced Joy McClain, she is the new Tolleson CAP Director.
- Councilman Hull reported a community meeting will be held in Gila Bend to provide information on Medicare Part D.
- Walt asked if the e-mails sent by the Coalition on Human Needs are distributed to CAP Advisory Boards. Marge stated that e-mails are sent to CAP Directors for distribution to their contacts.

10. Call to the Public

- None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.